

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-77 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 78-167 were presented to place the claims in better conformity with U.S. patent practice. No amendments are presented herein.

II. Response to Restriction/Election of Requirement

In the Office Communication, the Examiner asserts that Applicants' Response dated June 2, 2008, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because it allegedly fails to "identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added." The Examiner adds that "applicant has not identified a claim set readable on the elected species" and "merely state in which claim(s) the elected species (i.e. methyl methacrylate, methyl acrylate, acrylic acid, and butyl acetate) are recited." The Examiner then finds "since claims 90 and 91 depend from claims 89, 88, 84, and 78, these claims also necessarily read on the elected species. A similar situation exists for claims 93, 94, 132, and 148."

For the reasons set forth in their June 2, 2008 Response, Applicants continue to traverse both the restriction requirement and the election requirement. However, to be fully responsive, Applicants note that at least claims 78-86, 88-94, 98-110, 129-135, and 148-159 are readable upon the elected species.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, and those set forth in Applicants' June 2, 2008, Response, which Applicants incorporate herein by reference, Applicants respectfully

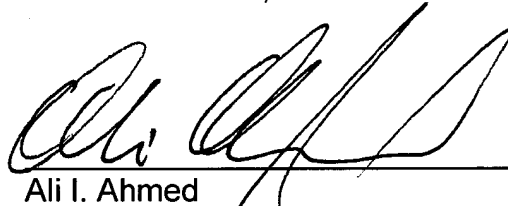
request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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